

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
March 4, 2008
Minutes

- I. Roll Call:** Black, Chancellor, Goldenberg, Jackle, Provencher, Urashima,
Absent: Two vacancies
Late: Inouye
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt Dierking and Lt. Tidrick
Bridges Liaison: Don Han
- II. Welcoming Remarks:** Chancellor started the meeting by welcoming two guests in the audience: Diane Bentley and Allen Baylis. He told them that they could address the HRTF during Public Comment. He announced that Rosa Arredondo submitted her resignation and the HRTF now has two vacancies. The vacancies are currently being advertised.
- III. Public Comment:**
Diane Bentley complimented the HRTF on presenting HBReads. She attended the evening event and hoped that the HRTF would endorse the program again. She is interested in raising more money for Greg Mortenson. Provencher said Ralph Bauer has a book club interested in the same issue, but that raising money for private use is not part of the HRTF charge by the City.
- Allen Baylis indicated that he attended the February 19, 2008, City Council meeting where Chancellor and Inouye made presentations. He wanted to remind the HRTF that the City's policy on cultural diversity should be considered as part of the City's public nudity ordinance.
- Chancellor thanked both speakers and invited them back to any meeting.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – February 2008**
Moved: Jackle; Second: Urashima : To accept February 2008 as presented.
Approved: 5, No: 0, Absent 1 (Inouye); Abstain (Black)

V. Special Presentations:

Chancellor stated that this was his last meeting as Chair of the HRTF. He thanked everyone for the outstanding help on an ultra-successful event, HBReads. He read a commendation for Provencher congratulating him and his committee for HBReads. He also had a commendation to be sent to Jim Engle for Elaine Kuhnke as Task Force Liaison. He thanked her for all of her extra efforts with the HRTF and for the humor and balance she brings to us. He also noted that Marina and Valley Vista High Schools will be presenting on their visits to the Museum of Tolerance at another meeting.

VI. Status Reports

1. HBHRTF Account Balances

HBReads	\$2979.71
HBHRTF	\$3105.28
Total	\$6084.99

A final report of income and expenses for HBReads was presented by Kuhnke. Kuhnke provided an updated Calendar of Events in which the only upcoming event was the Student Day of Dialogue is Tuesday, March 11, in B-8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Updates, discussion, follow-up

Sgt Dierking reported that there was an event on February 26, 2008. A 16 yr old man was verbally and physically assaulted; however, he also reported that there were some inconsistencies with the story which would require further investigation. He also presented the power point Hate Crime in Huntington Beach. In 2007 we had a total of eight Hate Crimes. He updated the HBHRTF.

3. Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities

Ken Inouye arrived at 7:15PM. OCHR will be involved in non-litigating hearings as an ombudsman or mediator as requested by the OC Sheriff. OCHR. Awards will be presented on May 1, 2008. Awards go to Community Activists, Law Enforcement and Schools. Don Han added that HBHS had self nominated with the support of the HRTF. He stated the HBHS would receive an award on May 1st.

VII. Program Updates, Activities and discussion:

1. HB High School Model School Program & Student Programming

Don Han presented a hand-out outlining the progress for the Bridges Program in February. The students helped HBReads with events in January and February. The primary focus is the Day of Dialogue on March 11, 2008. Details are being hammered out for an International Week targeted for the end of May.

2. HRTF Student Activities

Chancellor reported that he met with the Dwyer principal regarding the OCHR Parent Leadership Program. A small stipend would be needed for teachers involved. Discussion was had about whether this program meets the goals of the HBHRTF. After extended discussion the following motion was made:

Moved: Chancellor; Second: Black: Approve the implementation and funding for the Parent Leadership Institute Program up to \$4,000 which will include an overlay of the HRTF goals and objectives.

Approved: 6, No: 0, Absent: 0; Abstain (Inouye)

Members Black and Urashima agreed to work on the language to be included in the overlay with Chancellor and will report back at the next meeting.

3. Federal Diversity Months:

Chancellor reported that the program should continue, however, discussion would be tabled until the next meeting.

4. Friends of HBHRTF.

Jackle reported that all events this month were based around HBReads. People volunteered to assist with programs and seating.

5. Planning, Logistics and Budget for 2008 HBReads Community Event

Provencher reminded everyone what a success the entire day was. After all expenses there is money to go forward with another HBReads project for 2008. The committee is very interested in planning another event; however, they realize how difficult it will be to recreate such a success. Provencher said that a book has to be selected by May so that teachers and librarians can become involved. The following motion was made:

Moved: Urashima; Second: Black: To adopt HBReads as a 2008 project.

Approved: 7, No: 0

VII. New Business:

The election of officers was announced by Chancellor. Last month he created a nominating committee who presented a slate of officers this month, including Provencher as Chair, Urashima as Vice Chair, and Goldenberg as Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Moved: Inouye; Second: Black: To accept the slate.

Approved: 7, No: 0

VIII Task Force Member Comments - none

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.